

# **OR Debriefing Guide**

(Modify to fit your setting)

**Example Application:** Surgical team closing surgical wound prior to termination of procedure and patient transfer.

**When will you hold the debriefing?** The most effective time to debrief a surgical case is during or immediately after wound closure while all principals are still in the OR suite. Highlights in this discussion can be captured by the circulating nurse on a “white board.” These discussions are very brief and often no more than 5 minutes.

**Where?** OR suite.

**Who will attend?** Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, resident and/or physician assistant, circulating nurse, and scrub nurse

- Does any team member have input that may impact patient safety or the efficiency of care?
- What worked well? What didn't work well? How could the case have been conducted
- Equipment failures?
- Supplies adequate?
- What action should be taken to correct problems identified in this case? Who will take the action and when?

**How did this debriefing make patient care safer?**